



State of Wisconsin
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2015 SENATE BILL 761

February 23, 2016 - Introduced by Senator VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representative DANOU. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 349.11 (3) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** local authority to
2 modify highway speed restrictions.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows local highway authorities to reduce the maximum speed limit by 20 miles per hour on highways under local jurisdiction with a speed limit of 55 miles per hour. The speed limit may be reduced without the approval of the Department of Transportation.

Under current law, DOT and local highway authorities may modify the maximum speed limit applicable to highways under their respective jurisdictions if DOT or the local highway authorities determine that the current maximum speed limit is not reasonable or safe or that the current actual speed of traffic is not reasonable or prudent. Local highway authorities are prohibited from modifying certain speed limits without the approval of DOT.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 349.11 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 349.11 **(3)** (c) Modify any existing speed limit without the consent of the
5 department except to reduce the speed limit as provided under sub. (10), or to

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1 increase the speed limit stated in s. 346.57 (4) (e), (f) or (g), or to reduce by 10 miles
2 per hour or less the speed limit stated in s. 346.57 (4) (a), (b) or (d) to (j), or to reduce
3 by 15 miles per hour or less the speed limit stated in s. 346.57 (4) (k), or to reduce by
4 20 miles per hour or less the speed limit stated in s. 346.57 (4) (h). Whenever
5 department approval is required, no signs giving notice of a modification of the speed
6 limit may be erected until such approval has been received.

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(END)